

New Hampshire

Ruth Kimball - 4-H Volunteer



Hometown: Pittsfield, NH

Nominated by: New Hampshire 4-H

Year Inducted: 2002

4-H Projects:

Textiles and Clothing, Food and Nutrition, Arts and Crafts, Heritage Arts, Sheep, Dairy, Community Service

4-H Honors:

4-H Alumni Recognition Award - 1954, One of the Founders of County 4-H Foundation and Advisory Council, Pittsfield Citizen of the Year - 1966, Governors Award for Outstanding Volunteer - 1987, Granite State Award at University of New Hampshire - 1992, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award - 1999, Chaperone to Eastern States and National 4-H Congress, Chicago

"Having been a 4-H member for ten years, I wanted to pass along the advantages to other youth to learn many projects, keep records, enter into competition, travel and meet new friends worldwide. Working with others developing life skills is important by 'Making the Best BETTER.'"

"As I was brought up on a farm, I have been very interested in home activities and animals. I wanted to be involved with youth and adults, so I became a 4-H Organization leader with a club of six members and two leaders that has grown to 89 members and 31 leaders. For 60 years I have encouraged youth to be involved in local, county and state-wide events, including food show, public speaking, demonstrations and fashion revue. I have been active in other organizations that encourage and sponsor 4-H - N.H. Jersey Cattle Club, Make it Yourself With Wool Coordinator, Farm Bureau, Catamount Grange and Extension Groups."



Teaching sewing can involve life skills of teamwork, patience and concentration.



Helping younger members with art projects helps them develop creativity and a sense of "doing it themselves."



4-H Records are something Ruth feels strongly about as a 4-H volunteer, and many youth from her club have gone to National 4-H Congress.